

## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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Wednesday, February 9, 2005

10:30 a.m.

307 House Office Building

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Wenke, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Kehrl and Clack.

Representative Elsenheimer moved to excuse absent members.

Representative Clack supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representative Vander Veen.

Representative Meyer moved to approve Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in room 307 of the House Office Building as the official day, time, and meeting place for the House Standing Committee on Education.

Representative Pearce supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 16-0-0.

### **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Wenke, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Kehrl and Clack,

**Nays:** None,

**Pass:** None.

The Chair laid HB 4142 before the committee.

HB 4142	Palmer	Education; examinations; provisions in original MEAP authorizing statute relating to administration of state assessment program; revise.
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Representative Hoogendyk moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4142.

Representative Hildenbrand supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-1-3.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Wenke, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Hopgood and Miller,

**Nays:** Representative Kehrl,

**Pass:** Representatives Angerer, Virgil Smith and Clack.

Bob Morris and Ed Roeber, representing the Department of Education testified in support of HB 4142. Questions and discussion followed.\*

Representative Wenke moved to report out with recommendation HB 4142 as substitute (H-1).

Representative Meyer supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 11-2-2.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Meyer, Wenke, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Hopgood and Miller,

**Nays:** Representatives Virgil Smith and Kehrl,

**Pass:** Representatives Angerer and Clack.

**HB 4142 (H-1) reported out with recommendation.**

The Chair laid HR 14 before the committee.

HR 14	Palmer	A resolution to state the intention of the House of Representatives to address the rising costs of health care and retirement in public education.
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Bob Morris, representing the Department of Education, testified in opposition to HR 14.

The following people submitted cards in support of HR 14, but did not wish to speak:

Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards,

Don Olendorf, representing the Small and Rural Schools Association,

Brian Whiston, representing the Michigan Parent Teacher Student Association, and the Oakland Schools,

Nancy Stanley, representing the Michigan Elementary Principals Association, and Macomb ISD.

Representative Miller offered the following amendments to HR 14.

1. Amend the title of the resolution, line 1, after "address the" by striking out "rising costs of health care and retirement in public education" and inserting "importance of keeping education as the number one priority for state government".

2. Amend the second Whereas clause, line 2, after "1994" by striking out the period and

"This is due in large part to rising labor costs, including health insurance and generous pension benefits".

3. Amend the resolution by striking out the entire third Whereas clause and inserting:

"Whereas, A highly educated citizenry is the foundation upon which Michigan will meet the challenges posed by the new global economy; and

Whereas, The Gallup Youth Survey reports that creative and passionate teachers result in effective schooling for today's youth and help to build tomorrow's leaders; and

Whereas, The most important factor in the success of a student is the teacher in the classroom; and

Whereas, It is vitally important that we leave no child behind in this quest to build the best public schools and strongest state economy; and

Whereas, Attracting our best and brightest to careers in public education requires that we ensure competitive compensation and benefits that will ensure no child is left behind without a quality teacher; and".

4. Amend the fourth Whereas clause, line 3, after "face" by striking out "in meeting their rapidly growing health care and retirement costs".

5. Amend the first Resolving clause, line 2, after "to" by striking out "address the rising costs of health care and retirement in public education" and inserting "direct more resources directly into Michigan's classrooms".

6. Amend the resolution by striking out the entire second Resolving clause.

Representative Virgil Smith moved to adopt the Miller amendments.

Representative Kehrl supported the motion.

The motion did not prevail by a vote of 6-10-0.

#### **ADVERSE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Kehrl and Clack,

**Nays:** Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Wenke, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce and Proos,

**Pass:** None.

Representative Wenke moved to report out with recommendation HR 14.

Representative Mortimer supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 10-1-5.

#### **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Wenke, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce and Proos,

**Nays:** Representative Virgil Smith,

**Pass:** Representatives Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Kehrl and Clack.

**HB 14 reported out with recommendation.**

Jeremy Hughes, representing the Department of Education, gave a short presentation about the department.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:46 a.m.

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Representative Brian Palmer, Chair

Ben Cook  
Committee Clerk  
February 9, 2005  
1 hour 16 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed

\* indicates printed materials attached to original minutes.